

St Mary's Church



England Primary School

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## Newsletter October 2017

### Believe and Achieve

*To provide a fun, stimulating and excellent education which enables each child to achieve their full potential, academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially in a safe, Christian environment.*

Dear Parents, Children & Friends,

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND NEW RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

If your pupil is currently in Year 6, or if you have a son or daughter who is looking for a Reception place in September 2018, then information about how to apply to schools is now available.

If you reside in Oldham please go to: [www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

If you reside in Rochdale please go to: [www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions)

*Please Note: If you are applying to voluntary aided schools (eg Church Schools) they may require you to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation, in addition to the application you make to the Local Authority. Supplementary forms are available from the relevant school.*

*Any parent wishing to apply for a Reception place at St. Mary's CE Primary School **MUST** complete a supplementary form (available from the school office).*

If you don't have access to the internet at home, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, but these are very easy to set up and staff will be happy to help.

#### **Deadlines for making an application:**

**Secondary 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**Primary 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

#### **GOVERNOR NEWS:**

We welcome two new Governors to our Governing Body: Miss Morris is our new Foundation Governor elected by St. Mary's PCC and Mrs Sanderson was appointed our new Parent Governor. Mr Benson continues in his role as the Chair of Governors of St. Mary's School and Mr. Green as the Vice Chair of Governors.

A full list of Governors can be found in school on the Governor notice board and will be fully updated on the website with each Governor's linking role after the next Full Governing Body Meeting in November.



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### LINKS WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

Thank you to all parents and families who made monetary or food donations for Christian Aid and Oldham Foodbank at the Harvest Festival. Well done Year 3 for leading a beautiful service for us. All the children were amazing, speaking with clarity and singing beautifully whilst conveying the importance of Harvest.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

#### Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning.

Firstly thank you to our Year 2 pupils, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Hardman for the class assembly they presented in support of Macmillan Cancer. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the World's Largest Coffee Morning. The amount raised this year was £516.81. To date St. Mary's School has raised a fabulous £10,575.80 for this cause!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER:

#### Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the exception of watches. This means that earrings and studs are not allowed in school. Watches should be removed for physical education and games. **Pupils who come to school wearing earrings WILL be asked to remove them, plasters are not acceptable to cover newly pierced ears.**

### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The newly elected school councillors are:

Year 6	Katie Greer and Alfie Wright
Year 5	Jessica Dimelow and Theo Seville
Year 4	Mia Borg and Liam Hunt
Year 3	Rory Bradley and Ruby Stott
Year 2	Harvey Faulkner and Scarlett Hegarty

We look forward to their valuable contributions throughout the school year

### PLAYGROUND BUDDIES:

Year 6	Grace Wilkinson
Year 5	Maya Kershaw
Year 5	Lucy Mayhew
Year 5	Kai Bardsley
Year 4	Harmony Burns
Year 4	Matilda Mc Donald
Year 3	Olivia Coughlin
Year 2	Willow Thornborough
Year 2	Evie Mayhew

Our playground buddies play an important role in helping pupils at playtimes and organising games and equipment.



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## SOCIAL MEDIA:

Due to the rising popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, social media websites are being used increasingly to air grievances and complaints about schools, staff members and individuals - adults and children alike.

Sadly, St Mary's CE Primary School is no different and I am increasingly being made aware of postings about school matters that are taking place on these social media sites. Quite often this is the first time school are made aware of a concern, issue or complaint, as it has not been raised with any staff members or myself in school.

From a School's perspective the use of social media websites being used in this way is totally inappropriate, unhelpful and definitely not in the best interests of the children or whole school community and issues most certainly cannot, nor will not be resolved through this approach.

A further concern is the example we are setting our young people in how to resolve concerns whether it be with an institution or an individual. The internet and social media sites is a place where young people and adults can act in a way or say things that ordinarily would not be said or done in a face-to-face conversation. The anonymity or the ability to hurt others without being physically present or witnessing the consequences can reduce a person's inhibitions and decision-making. This can be made worse by the instantaneous nature - just one click and a message is in the public domain and is highly likely to be irretrievable !

With the above in mind we politely request that any concerns you may have regarding school matters are made through the appropriate channels, by speaking to the Class Teacher and/or the Headteacher. This allows all parties the opportunity to be in full possession of the facts and resolves the concerns fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. It will also enable us to lead by example for our young people who are growing up in a world where there are new and ever changing technologies.

We thank you for your support with this matter.

## ASSEMBLIES:

The next class assembly is the Year 6 and Reception Buddies assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 9:10am in the school hall. During this assembly we will formally welcome our new Reception pupils to St. Mary's School.

Year 4 class assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November; this will take place in the school hall starting at 9:10am, all parents are welcome to attend.



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## MUSICAL EVENTS:

The School Band, have been asked to play at the Opening of the Christmas Markets on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017. In addition the School band will also perform at the School Carol Service on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

### The School Choir have been asked to:

perform at St Pauls Church on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 11:30am

perform at St James Church, Huddersfield Road on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6:30pm

perform at the School Carol Service TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am

*Please keep these dates free in your diary and a letter with more details will follow.*

## ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The winning numbers on the 150 club were 142, 126, 68, 51, 150, 1 and 26. The next draw will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The next Support Group Meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm, in the North Star, everyone is welcome.

### Future events in school:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Christmas Markets in School 6:30 - 8:30pm

Christmas Raffle : tickets available at the Infant Christmas Performances and the Carol Service. A letter will also be sent home to purchase raffle tickets if you are not attending these events.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES:

Please find attached to this newsletter the **updated** school holiday dates.

## ATTENDANCE and HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As you will be aware from our attendance policy we do not authorise holidays during term time. This is because as a school we understand how important attendance is to our pupils' education and progress. Therefore, we would like to reinforce our request that all family holidays are planned in accordance with the school holiday pattern.

**The Local Authority have also asked us to make Parents/Carers aware that they have reinstated fixed penalty fines for unauthorised absences due to term time holidays.**

By law, the school can only authorise absences in term time for illness or exceptional family circumstances which make absences in term time unavoidable. If you need to request authorisation for a pupil's absence, contact the school via letter or email. Please provide full details including the proposed dates, the reason for the proposed absence and any evidence necessary to support your request.

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### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Markets in school 6:30 - 8:30pm
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friendship Week
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Orangutan Day - led by Yr 6 (more details to follow)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 4 Class Assembly 9:10am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St. Mary's Church Christmas Fair held in school, 1pm
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Pantomime visit
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	School choir to perform at St. Paul's church at 11:30am and St James Church at 6:30pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Dress Rehearsal and Broadfield to visit St. Mary's School
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Community Party and Christmas Show 1:45pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas Performance 2:00pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas Performance 10:00am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day (details to follow)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas Party - games in the morning, Food and Father Christmas in the afternoon
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Christmas Party 1:00pm
<b>TUES 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carol Service (led by Year 5) 9:30am in church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley  
*Headteacher*